

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8-14 and 19-25 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 2, 6, 7 and 15-18 are pending.

Claim 2 has been amended to include details of now-canceled claims 3 and 23.

No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to obviate the objection of claims 2, 3, 6-9, 15-20 and 23 noted on page 2 of the Office Action dated November 4, 2003 (Paper No. 15).

Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 2, 3, 6-9, 15-20 and 23 is obviated by the above amendments. The claims are submitted to be supported by an enabling disclosure. The Examiner is requested to see, for example, Example 3 of the disclosure in this regard. Withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection is requested.

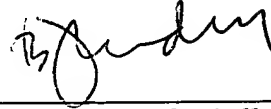
The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

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